### 5 Year Plan 2012-2017

- Add the Holzheuter Farm to the Parks System and complete Master Plan.
- Implement approved park master plans.
- Continue leadership in the GHA Implementation Team and the associated subcommittees: Land Acquisition, Trails, Education, Outreach & Communications, and **Economic Benefits.**
- Cultivate private and public partnerships.
- Implement major new bike paths with assistance of local advisors: Waterloo to Lake Mills, Waterloo to Watertown, and Watertown to Oconomowoc.
- Continue implementation of the Glacial Heritage Area Plan.
- **Grow Endowment Fund.**
- Add accessible features to Parks.
- Restore prairies, wetlands, savannas and woodlands.





# PARKS

The Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) is a partnership between Jefferson **County, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources** and surrounding Counties.

The initiative focuses on four landscape resources:

- Conservation Parks
- Linking Trails
- River-based Conservation Areas
- State Wildlife Areas

For Jefferson County this means expanded off-road trails linking cities and villages with parks, expansion of existing parks with more recreational activities, establishing new parks, and improvements along marked canoe/kayak water trails.







### Parks System Mission

Preserve natural resources for public use and conservation, operate and maintain a parks system with resource oriented recreation, trails, and special use parks, and expand the parks system for environmental and land use benefits and the health and enjoyment of Jefferson County.





### Park Visions

#### A balance of recreation & conservation.

Multiple recreational activities in large, natural resource oriented parks.

#### Acquisition of new lands.

Land acquisition in 8 conservation parks identified in the GHA Plan.

#### Parks give form to our rural landscape and communities.

Parks protect special natural, historic, and cultural places that have meaning to us. Bike and trail corridors connect these jewels.

#### High design, maintenance & management standards.

Celebrate and build on the uniqueness of each park site.

#### **Promote park awareness** & benefits.

Personal & health, social & community, economic & environmental benefits.

Come and connect with nature and history. Take a hike or ride a bike to your special place!

## Jefferson County Park Features



avilions at Dorothy arnes and Korth

Nationally recognized

Jefferson County

Dog Park.



Historic farmsteads.



Vinter sports: cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and a new snowmobile bridge over the **Crawfish River.** 



savannas and miles of trails.



**American mounds and trails** 



Boating, canoeing, and kayaking.



Community gardens in uncommon settings.



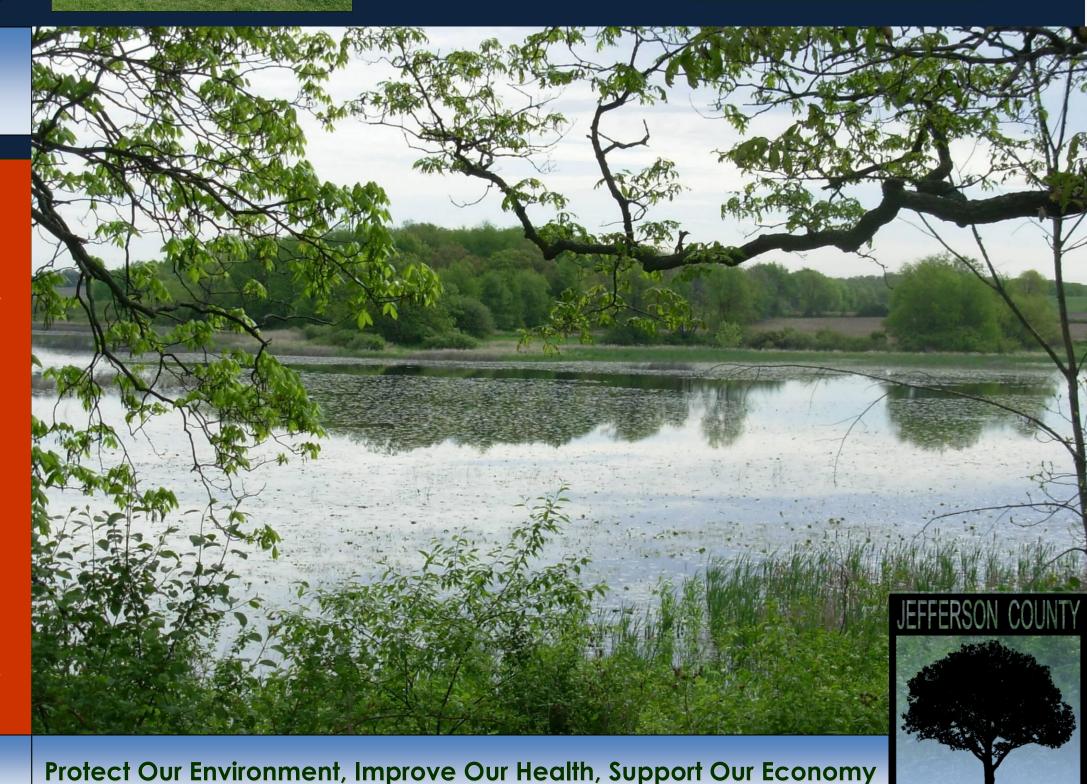
Rare and uncommon species at Dorothy Carnes County Park & **Rose Lake State** Natural Area.



Miles of off-road bicycle trails including a covered



Fishing on the Crawfish, Rock, and Bark Rivers, and Rock Lake.



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